(ग) क्या सरकार इस क्षेत्र में तस्करी की रोकथाम के लिये कोई सीमा शुल्क कार्यालय खोलने के संबंध में विचार कर रही है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चंद्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Smuggled Goods Seized in Gujarat

2019. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state,

(a) the total value of the smuggled goods seized by the customs office situated at Bhagau Bhander in Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) the number of the persons arrested in this regard and number of cases registered against them alongwith the action taken theron; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to stop smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY : (a) No seizure has been made by the customs office situated at Bhagwa Bander (Bhagau Bhander) in Gujarat during the last five years.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Customs authorities remain vigilant against all smuggling activities. Close coordination is being maintained among all Central and State Government agencies concerned with the prevention and detection of smuggling.

Rehabilitation Package for Sick Units

2020. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued by Reserve Bank of India for extension of reliefs/concessions by Banks under rehabilitation package for sick public sector undertakings;

(b) whether the instructions also include the security clause as per which Banks/Financial Institutions are free to insist upon the type and form of security including guarantee by Central/state Government and whether they are free to decline credit otherwise; and

(c) whether similar security is being insisted upon in the case of private sector from the promoter Directors/major shareholders and are meticulously followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The principles of prescribing security are equally applicable to sick units in the public and private sectors. In the case of private sector, such security could be from the promoters/major shareholders and in the case of public sector units, the respective Central/State Government: The prescription of appropriate security, albeit within RBI guidelines has to be decided on a case to case basis and mainly on commercial considerations, The question of meticulously insisting on particular set of securities may,therefore, not arise.

Smuggling of Costly Birds

2021. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some attempt to smuggle costly birds has been foiled by officials of customs deptt. at I. G. I. Airport during November, 1994 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether during this operation some arrests as well as recovery of birds have been made ;

(d) if so, the details thereof with names of birds and modus operandi of arrested persons ;

(e) whether action has been taken against involved persons for violating the convention of International Trade of Endangered species ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (f) Yes Sir. On 21-11-94 three passengers who had landed by AI-732 from Dubai were carrying three cartons packed with 201 live birds. The live birds were stuffed into wire-gauge cases which is turn were concealed within plywood boxes with multiple holes. The passengers attempted to smuggle these boxes as personal baggage by walking through Green Channel but were intercepted at the exist gate. All the three passengers have been arrested and remanded to Judicial Custody. Following are the details of birds seized from them :

1. Blue & Yellow Macaw (Ara Araruna)	10
2. Blue headed parrot (Pionus mes struus menstruus)	8
3. Blue fronted Amazon (Amazona aestiva-aestiv)	3
4. Crimson bellied Conure (Pyrrhura rhodogaster)	2

5.	Peach fronted conure (Aratings aurea)	6
6.	Lutino Rose ringed parakeet (Prittacula Krameri)	2
7.	Blue mutation of rose ringed parakeet (Prittacula Karmeri)	2
8.	Eastern rosella (Platycarouse eximius exmius)	3
9.	Princess of Wales Parakeet (Blue mutation) (Politelis alexandrae)	4
10.	Blue bonnet parakeet (psephotus H. Haematogaster)	4
11.	Port Lincoln Parrot (Barnardius Zonarius Semitorquatus)	2
12.	Sqarlet Chested Parrot (Naophema) splendda	Total parakeets 106 including mutated and cron bgreed.
13.	Cromson rosella (platycerous elegans elegans)	
14.	Red rumped parrot (psephotus Haematonitus)	
15.	Mulga parrot (Psephetus varius)	
16.	Turquoise parrot (Naephema pulch ella)	
17.	Elegant grass parakeet (Neephema elegans)	

Action for violation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (C I T E S) in this case, has been taken under the Customs Act.

Interest Subsidy Scheme for Riot Victims

2022. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the 'Central Interest Subsidy Scheme (Revised) for November, 1984 riot victims' was initiated;

(b) the salient features thereof;

(c) the amount of interest subsidy claimed so far by Punjab and Sind Bank, Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and Indian Bank;

(d) whether any monitoring/supervisory agency has been set up by the RBI to verify the correctness of the interest subsidy claimed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and how RBI satisfies itself about the genuinness the claims of different banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Central Interest Subsidy Scheme (Revised) for November, 1984 riot affected borrowers came in effect on 1-9-1993.

(b) As per the scheme, the banks shall in deserving cases, charge the borrowers interest at one percent (simple) per annum on all eligible loans outstanding as on the effective date i.e. 31-3-92 for the period from 1-11-1984, if the loan is granted on or before 1-11-84, or from the date of grant of the loan, if granted subsequently, to the effective date.

(c) The amount of interest subsidy claims preferred so far by under noted banks to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are as under:

		(Rs. lakhs)
i)	Punjab & Sind Bank	877.69
ii)	Panjab National Bank	48
iii)	Oriental Bank of Commerce	33.36
iv)	Indian Bank	10.12

(d) and (e) As per the scheme, Head Office of the bank concerned shall prepare and submit the claim to be signed by an officer not below the rank of General Manager of the bank certifying inter-alia that all the terms and conditions laid down in the scheme have been duly complied with. The bank is required to submit an Audit certificate from an auditor to the effect that the entries in the relevant books and the claims made by the bank in respect of the subsidy are correct. Prima facie scrutiny is done at RBI that the various claims are in accordance with the scheme.

Service Charges Revised by Banks

2023. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab and Sind Bank vide its circular No. 1531 dated 16th December, 1992 levied service charges of Rs. 100 per account on all types of accounts resulting in a profit of Rs. four crores to the bank during the financial year 1992-93;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bank had to withdraw the service charges consequent on losing a case in the consumer redressal forum, Chandigarh;

(c) the number of cases in which the Bank refunded the service charges to the account holders and the number of cases in which no refund was made and the reasons for discrimination; and

(d) whether Punjab and Sind Bank had obtained any approval from the RBI or the Central Government for giving this